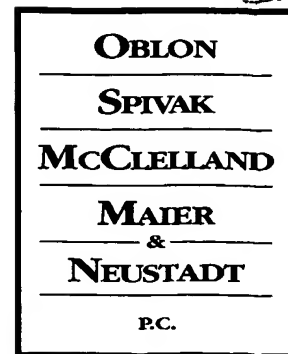




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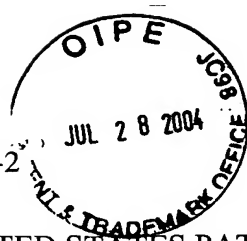
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In response to the Official Action mailed July 2, 2004, Applicants elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-6 drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, and subclass 288 for further examination on the merits in the present application. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Therefore, examination on the merits of Claims 1-6 are believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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